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Joining Surfaces
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1006)

STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW
OF DECEMBER 21, 2006

Applicants submit a statement of the substance of the interview of December 21, 2006 in accordance with MPEP § 713.04, as follows:

1. A Brief Description of the Nature of Any Exhibit Shown or Any Demonstration Conducted

No exhibit was shown and no demonstration was conducted.

2. An Identification of the Claims Discussed

Proposed amended claims 6 and 7 were discussed.

3. An Identification of the Specific Prior Art Discussed

United States Patent 6,223,010 to Araki ("the '010 patent" or "Araki '010") was discussed.

4. An Identification of the Principal Proposed Amendments of a Substantive Nature Discussed

It was proposed to amend pending application claims 6 and 7 to add limitations that would render these claims clearly allowable over the prior art of record.

Specifically, it was proposed to amend claim 6 to replace "container" with -toner cartridge--; to require that the joining surfaces comprise a plurality of interface line segments with each segment having a thickness; to determine the thickness of each line segment; to cause the laser beam to trace a path along each line segment and to determine the speed of the laser beam by correlating the thickness of each line segment with the laser beam power.

With respect to claim 7, it was specifically proposed to replace "container" with -toner cartridge made from an original toner cartridge--; to require that the joining surfaces of the disassembled toner cartridge be adapted to achieve alignment and orientation necessary for proper operation; to require that the elements required for proper function of the cartridge that were positioned adjacent the interface remain undamaged in the disassembled toner cartridge.

5. A Brief Identification of the General Thrust of the Principal Arguments

Presented to the Examiner

The general thrusts of the principal arguments presented to the examiner are briefly identified as follows:

- a. The '010 patent does not teach re-using the actual toner container; rather, to the extent any re-use is mentioned, the container is pulverized and the

pulverized material is then re-used to re-manufacture a new container, or certain, re-usable components that are found inside of the original toner cartridge are saved and then re-used, as opposed to the container itself being re-used.

- b. Araki '010 does not disassemble a toner cartridge container by having a laser beam trace a path along line segments of the interface between joining surfaces of the cartridge at a speed determined by correlating the thickness of each segment and the laser beam power.
- c. Araki '010 does yield a disassembled toner cartridge with elements that are required for proper functioning of the cartridge and positioned in the cartridge adjacent the interface between the joining surfaces of the original cartridge remaining in the toner cartridge undamaged.

6. A General Indication of Any Other Pertinent Matters Discussed

No other pertinent matter was discussed.

7. The General Results or Outcome of the Interview

Applicants will prepare and file a written statement of the interview, and a Reply to Office Action dated September 7, 2006, that will include the amendments to the application discussed above.

The examiner will focus on the draft amendments: "plurality of interface line segments, each line segment having a thickness" and "determining the thickness".

Respectfully submitted,

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